

Salem County Agriculture Development Board

**Recommendation of a Site Specific
Agricultural Management Practice**

**Robert and Lise Clark
Chestnut Run Farm
Block 41, Lot 3.02
Pilesgrove Township, Salem County**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Right to Farm Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-1, et seq. and the State Agriculture Development Committee regulations, N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3, a commercial farm owner or operator may make a request to the County Agriculture Development Board (hereinafter "Board") to determine if his or her operation constitutes a generally accepted agricultural management practice: and,

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2012, Robert and Lise Clark of Chestnut Run Farm in Pilesgrove Township, made a request in writing to the Board for the development of a site-specific agriculture management practice (hereinafter, "AMP") for 12 X 16 tasting room; and,

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2012, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3©, the Board advised in writing the State Agriculture Development Committee and Pilesgrove Township of Robert and Lise Clark's request; and,

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2012, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3(b), the Board requested that Robert and Lise Clark provide proof that his/her agricultural operation is a commercial farm as defined at N.J.S.A 4:1-C-3 and N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.1; and,

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2012, Robert and Lise Clark provided to the Board his/her commercial farm certification, including supporting documentation, attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, prior to adoption of this resolution, CADB Members conducted a site inspection of Chestnut Run Farm; and,

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2012, at its regular meeting, the Board was presented with the findings of the site inspection; and,

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2012 the Board unanimously agreed to develop a site specific AMP for Chestnut Run Farm after making the following findings of fact, based on information and documentation provided to the Board by Robert and Lise Clark and information gathered during the site inspection:

1. 66 Stewart Road, Pilesgrove, NJ – 22.26 acres
2. Chestnut Run Farm is a commercial farm as defined at N.J.S.A. 4:1C-3 and N.J.S.A. 2:76-2.1, which produces fruits, raise and market lambs worth \$2,500 or more annually and satisfies the eligibility criteria for differential property tax assessment pursuant to the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964; and,

3. Chestnut Run Farm has been operation since 1986; and,

WHEREAS, the Clark Farm was preserved under the Agriculture Retention and Development Act, NJSA 4:1C-11, et seq., by Robert and Lise Clark in a deed of easement to the County of Salem dated January 19, 2001 and recorded January 19, 2001 in the Salem County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 1061, Page 001; and

WHEREAS, paragraph 2 of the deed of easement states the agricultural use shall mean the use of the premises for common farmsite activities including, but not limited to: production, harvesting, storage, grading, packaging, processing and the wholesale and retail marketing of crops, plants, animals and other related commodities; and

WHEREAS, the Clark Farm does meet the requirements of farmsite activities under the deed of easement with growing and producing fruits that are used to produce their own wines; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines that the fruit and wine production and the sale of the products from an onsite tasting room on Chestnut Run Farm constitute generally accepted agricultural management practices and are consistent with the deed of easement provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. Chestnut Run Farm can construct and operate a 12 X 16 Tasting room
2. Tasting Room for the sale of farm produced wines and ancillary products is the only allowable activity
3. Winery marketing and promotional activities are permissible
4. Access to the tasting room is only permitted from the existing driveway entrance onto the property
5. A parking area for five(5) cars will be constructed
6. Signage will be permitted in accordance with Pilesgrove zoning ordinance, including any offsite signage as permitted in the local ordinance
7. The construction of said 12 X 16 tasting room must conform to all relevant municipal, federal and State statutes, rules and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall forward a copy of its written recommendation of the site-specific AMP to Chestnut Run Farm, the SADC and any other individuals or organizations deemed appropriate by the Board within 30 days of the recommendation.

Andrew T. Buzby, Chairman

Date

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Agriculture Development Board on Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

Kris Alexander, Secretary